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Note : (i) This question paper is divided into three sections :

- Section A : Reading Comprehension
- Section B : Writing Skills
- Section C : Literature Textbook

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

[SECTION-A]

[Reading Comprehension]

Note : Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

The effects of plastic bags on the environment are usually and really quite devastating. While there are many objections to the banning of plastic bags based solely on their convenience. There is no way to strictly limit the effects of plastic bags on the environment because there is no disposal method that will really help eliminate the

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problem. The biggest problem with this is that once they have been soiled they end up in the trash, which then ends up in the landfill or is burned. Burning emits toxic gases that harm the atmosphere and increase the level of volatile organic compounds in the air, while landfills hold them indefinitely as part of the plastic waste problem throughout the globe.

One of the greatest problems is that an estimated 300 million plastic bags end up in the Atlantic Ocean alone. These bags are very dangerous for sea life, especially those of the mammal variety. Any hunting mammal can easily mistake the size, shape and texture of the plastic bag for a meal and find its airway cut off. Needless deaths from plastic bags are increasing every year.

The environmental balance of waterways is being thrown off by the rate of plastic bags finding their way into the mouths and intestinal tracts of sea mammals. Throughout the world, plastic bags are responsible for suffocation deaths of woodland animals as well as inhibiting soil nutrients. The land litter that is made up of plastic bags has the potential to kill over and over again. It has been estimated that one bag has the potential to unintentionally kill one animal per every three months due to unintentional digestion or inhalation. Most municipalities either burn them or send them off to the landfill after sorting. This is because it can be expensive to recycle this type of plastic. It doesn't melt down easily and is often not fit to be reused in its original form.

Paper bags are a possible option but they also take their toll on the environment. The use of trees to increase the production of paper products will also have a negative environmental effect.

Questions :

[A] Choose the appropriate option :

[1×5=5]

Q.1 Some people object to the banning of plastic bags because

- (a) they are durable
- (b) they are cheap
- (c) they are convenient
- (d) All of these

Q.2 According to the writer, the best possible alternatives to plastic bags are

- (a) reusable plastic bags
- (b) reusable cloth bags
- (c) wrapper bags
- (d) None of these

Q.3 Recycling plastic bags are not considered practical because

- (a) it is too expensive to recycle them
- (b) only 1% of all bags are sent to recycling
- (c) they are strong and durable
- (d) None of the above

Q.4 How much time does it take for a disposed plastic bag to break down?

- (a) A few days
- (b) Less than one year
- (c) Many years
- (d) Indefinite period of time

Q.5 million plastic bags estimated in the Atlantic Ocean.

- (a) 200
- (b) 300
- (c) 400
- (d) 500

[B] Answer the following questions in about 1 sentence each :

[1×5=5]

Q.6 How do plastic bags endanger the life of mammals in the sea?

Q.7 What is harm in burning plastic bags to dispose them?

Q.8 What is the estimated potential rate of killing of animals by plastic bags through unintentional inhalation or digestion?

Q.9 What factors, besides economic ones, discourage recycling of plastic bags?

Q.10 Why are paper bags not a viable option to plastic bags?

[C] Find the words in the passage similar meaning as :

[1×2=2]

Q.11 to stop using

Q.12 easy to carry

Note : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

I am fond of playing cricket. I am a bowler. But when our openers lost their wicket fast, the captain sent me to bat. I was nervous. On the other end Ramsubhag was a good batsman. I gave him chance to play his strokes, but he was caught on 45. I started hesitantly, slowly the score built and my confidence returned. I got a beautiful six, then a four. The other team lost their courage. They made blunders in fielding. The score move steadily. Finally I crossed fifty. On the other end wickets fell, still we continued. In the 49th over we won the match. My bowling and batting made me a hero. I always remember this as a very good match.

- Q.13** On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. [4]
- Q.14** Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words using notes made and also suggest a suitable title. [4]

[SECTION-B]

[Writing Skills]

- Q.15** Write an article in about 250 words on any one of the following topics : [10]
- (i) The Role of Youth in National Development
 - (ii) Advantages of Tree Plantation
 - (iii) Benefits of Early Rising
 - (iv) Importance of Games and Sports in One's Life
- Q.16** Do as directed : [1×10=10]
- (i) If it doesn't rain, the crop will fail.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')

- (ii) She is very proud. She will not beg for her livelihood.
(Use 'too...to' and rewrite the sentence)
- (iii) Father said to his son, "Go and pay your fees."
(Change the narration)
- (iv) Who wrote this letter? (Change the voice)
- (v) Open the door. (Change the voice)
- (vi) He said to me, "The earth revolves round the sun."
(Change the narration)
- (vii) My father is so old that he cannot walk.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'too....to' in place of 'so...that')
- (viii) The report that he has failed is incorrect.
(Pick out the subordinate clause)
- (ix) Kavita found the missing keys.
(Change the sentence in relative clause)
- (x) Abdul gave me a pen.
(Change the voice)

Q.17 You are Amit/Amita. Write a letter to the editor of the local daily newspaper expressing your anguish over the problems faced by the people due to free sale of liquor everywhere. [6]

OR

Write a letter to your friend Rama/Raman requesting her/him to spend the summer holidays with you.

Q.18 You have lost your purse in the bus. Draft an advertisement suitable to be given in the local daily newspaper in about 50 words. [4]

OR

You are Ravi/Rachna. As President of the Cultural Forum of your school, you have organised an inter-school dance competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebration in your school. Write a notice in 50 words, informing the students of your school about this competition.

[SECTION-C]

[Literature Textbook]

(Flamingo)

Note : Read the flowing passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

It had happened when I was ten or eleven years old. I had decided to learn to swim. There was a pool at the Y.M.C.A. in Yakima that offered exactly the opportunity. The Yakima River was treacherous. Mother continually warned against it, and kept fresh in my mind the details of each drowning in the river. But the Y.M.C.A. pool was safe. It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end; and while it was nine feet deep at the other, the drop was gradual. I got a pair of water wings and went to the pool. I hated to walk naked into it and show my skinny legs. But I subdued by pride and did it.

From the beginning, however, I had an aversion to the water when I was in it. This started when I was three or four years old and father took me to the beach in California. He and I stood together in the surf. I hung on to him, yet the waves knocked me down and swept over me. I was buried in water. My breath was gone. I was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves.

Questions :

Choose the correct answer :

[1×4=4]

Q.19 The pool was at the _____.

- (a) M.B.B.S. (b) Y.M.C.A.
(c) N.C.C. (d) N.S.S.

Q.20 There was _____ river.

- (a) Ganga (b) Yamuna
(c) Nile (d) Yakima

Q.21 The narrator went to the pool with _____.

- (a) a pair of water wings (b) a pair of shoes
(c) a pair of socks (d) a pair of gloves

Q.22 The narrator's father took him to the beach in _____.

- (a) Goa (b) Los Angeles
(c) Texas (d) California

Note : Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.

Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor :

The tall girl with her weighed-down head. The paper-seeming boy, with rat's eyes. The stunted, unlucky heir

Of twisted bones, reciting a father's gnarled disease,

His lesson, from his desk. At back of the dim class

One unnoted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,

Of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

On sour cream walls, donations, Shakespeare's head,

Cloudless at dawn, civilized dome riding all cities.

Belled, flowery, Tyrolese Valley. Open-handed map

Awarding the world its world. And yet, for these

Children, these windows, not this map, their world,

Where all their future's painted with a fog,

A narrow street sealed in with a lead sky

Far far from rivers, capes, and stars of words.

Questions :

Choose the correct answer :

[1×4=4]

Q.23 The children's faces look like _____.

- (a) rootless vegetables (b) rootless fruits
(c) rootless weeds (d) rootless stems

Q.24 The paper seeming boy has _____.

- (a) rat's eyes (b) cat's eyes
(c) dog's eyes (d) bird's eyes

Q.25 The boy's eyes live in a dream, of _____ game:

- (a) frog's (b) monkey's
(c) peacock's (d) squirrel's

Q.26 _____ awarding the world its world.

- (a) Open-handed book (b) Open-handed map
(c) Open-handed gloves (d) Open-handed monument

Note : Answer the following questions in about 2 sentences each : [2×3=6]

Q.27 Who was Peddler? What did he sell and how did he make them?

Q.28 How were Gandhiji and Shukla treated by Rajendra Prasad's servants?

Q.29 What was Pancake? Why was it brought in truck loads in Gemini Studio?

Note : Answer the following question in about 80 words : [6]

Q.30 Give the character sketch of Franz.

OR

Draw the similarities you see in Saheb and Mukesh.

(Vistas)

Note : Answer the following questions in about 2 sentences each : [2×2=4]

Q.31 What does the third level refer to?

Q.32 What does the chief astrologer tell to be the cause of Maharaja's death?

Note : Answer the question in about 80 words : [6]

Q.33 Give the character sketch of Charley.

OR

Comment on the appropriateness of the title 'The Tiger King'.